

Presentation of Prizes.

The prizes awarded for the past work of the year were presented by H. E. the Marquis of Lansdowne on the 12th April, 1886, before a large number of friends of the school. The visitors included the Marchioness of Lansdowne, the Bishop of Ontario, the Mayor of Ottawa and Mr. J. Wright the Hon. Secretary of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association. The following is the address given by His Excellency on the occasion:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me much pleasure to meet once more in these rooms the students and friends of the Ottawa Art School, and to be allowed to distribute these prizes to the successful competitors. I am not sure that my pleasure is not somewhat tempered by the knowledge that I am expected to preface that distribution by a few words, because it has fallen to my lot so often since I have been connected with Ottawa to speak in support of the claims of art to public and private recognition that I feel as if there remained very little for me to say upon the subject. However, there are many things which lose nothing of their truth by being often repeated, although their repetition may become a little monotonous. I certainly feel that as far as your school is concerned, I am not called upon to unsay anything that I have said on previous occasions as to the importance of your work and the success with which you have carried it on. One is sometimes tempted under circumstances such as those which are present to-day to take a too sanguine view, and to discover hopeful indications even where they may be of the most microscopic dimensions. Your progress, however, during the past session has been so marked that you can afford to rely upon the most matter of fact and unimaginative presentment of the case. Indeed the authorities of the school have a right to refer the public not to their own estimate of its importance, but to the recognition it has received at the hands of public bodies whose countenance and support are free from the suspicion of partizanship. Your industrial school, for instance, would not be permitted to form part of